Mr. SPEAKER.—I have heard the Hon. Members Sri Siddaveerappa, Sri V. N. Patil and the Hon. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and I shall bear everything in mind and give due consideration to that. I shall give my decision on this point a little later.

The House will now proceed with the scheduled business according to the list of business.

Call attention to a matter of urgent public importance *re:* Elections to the Bangalore City Corporation

Sri T. R. SHAMANNA (Fort).—I call the attention of the Minister of State for Municipal Administration to the delay in holding election to the Bangalore City Corporation.

† Sri B. M. PATIL (Minister of State for Municipal Administration).—Sir, the view taken by the Hon. Member that the Corporation Act requires the voters in each division should be, as far as practicable according to 1961 census is misconstrued. Section 48 (2) of the City of Bangalore Municipa Corporation Act, 1949 lays down that the ratio between the number of councillors to be elected from each division and the population of that division as ascertained at the last preceding census shall, so far as, practicable be the same throughout the city. The Act provides only that the ratio between the number of Councillors to be elected from each division and the population of that division as per the preceding census should be maintained. The delimitation of divisions for the purposes of election to the Corporation is, as per sub-section (1) of Section 48 of the Act, based on the population of the division as per the last preceding census.

Article 170 (2) of the Constitution relating to the composition of the Legislative Assembly contains a provision that each State shall be divided into territorial constituencies in such manner that the ratio between the population of each constituency and the number of seats allotted to it shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the State. Sub-section (4) of section 5 and sub-section (2) of section 100 of the Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959, also contemplate that the number of members to be elected from each territorial constituency of a Panchayat or Taluk Board should be on the basis of the population of that constituency as ascertained at the last preceding census. Therefore, the number of seats allotted to several divisions in the Corporation is in accordance with Section 48 (2) of the Corporation Act and it is in accordance with the well accepted principle.

Government is not aware of any decision of the High Court in which Section 48 (2) has been construed with reference to the number of voters in each territorial division.

(SRI B. M. PATIL)

The Municipal Commissioner has been instructed that the Corporation should arrange to hold an election for the Corporation early. As a first step in this direction, the Commissioner, Bangalore Corporation, has drawn up tentatively a calendar of events according to which the polling is to take place during December 1969. He has also taken action to prepare the Electoral Roll as per the provision of Rule (1) of Sechedule VIII of the City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation Act 1949. A Bill to amend the Act for the preparation of the rolls with reference to the house number is being placed before this House during the current session. Government are very anxious to have the elections to the Corporation conducted according to the calendar of events and to see that the elected body comes into being with the least possible delay. All possible steps are being taken in this direction and the elections will be held as soon as possible.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಗಳೇ, ನಮಗೆ ಈ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯ ಪ್ರಕಾರ "the ratio between the number of Councillors to be elected from each division and the population of that division as per the preceding census should be maintained" ಎಂದು ಇದೆ. ಈಗ ಒಂದು ಡಿವಿಜನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ 30 ಸಾವಿರ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಡಿವಿಜನ್ನಿನಲ್ಲಿ 6 ಸಾವಿರ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಇದೆ. As far as practicable ಎಂದರೆ ಈಕ್ವಲ್ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಕ್ಲಾರಿಫೈ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ಎಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಖಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಡಿವಿಜನ್ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳುವುದಾದರೆ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 48 (2)ನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಆಯಾ ಡಿವಿಜನ್ನಿನ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಹೋದ ಸೆನ್‌ಸಸ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ ಡಿವಿಜನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಇತ್ತು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇನ್ನು ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಆದಷ್ಟು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಸಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಆತುರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ, ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಏನಿವೆ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸೂಚನೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಅವರು ಒಂದು ಟೆನ್‌ಟೆಟಿವ್ ಕ್ಯಾಲೆಂಡರ್ ಆಫ್ ಇವೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಅದರಂತೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಲ್ಲಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ಒಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Seventeenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee

Presentation

MR. SPEAKER.—I beg to present the Seventeenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

SRI D. MANJUNATH (Hiriyur).—I beg to move :

"That this House agrees with the 17th Report of the Business Advisory Committee."

SRI K. H. PATIL.—May I seek some clarification ? We find that the Marketing Agricultural Produce Marketing Regulation does not come into the picture. It was decided at the previous meeting that four

hours may be allotted to it. Some of the members of the Committee said that four hours will not suffice in vew of the Complex and illegal clauses that have been incorporated in the Act. May I know whether the Business Advisory Committee has considered that valuable suggestion or whether the Business Advisory Committee has rejected it arbitrarily. Before exercising our vote on the Bill, we want to know the time allotted for the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER.—Hon. members know that this Agricultural Produce Marketing Regulation Bill was considered during the last meeting of the Business Advisory Committee. The House has considered the previous Report and accepted the allotment of time made for the Bill. Now it is not permissible to comment on it. The proceedings of the Committee are confidential. If it is found that the time is Insufficient it may be reconsidered. If ultimately the House considers that the time is insufficient, the House is supreme and it can give more time to it.

SRI K. H. PATIL.—Why I am raising this point is the Leader of the House advises us off and on, to follow rules and discipline. When the Business Advisory Committee has given time, we have to adhere to the time limit. It will not be fair on our part to request our leader, to allocate more time than what is allotted. In the interests of the public we should not hasten any legislation. Let us have reasonable time. I would like to know whether the Leader of the House will be agreeable for giving more time to the Bill ?

MR. SPEAKER.—If it requires more time, the whole House can consider it. Why is the member worried about it now ?

SRI K. H. PATIL.—I myself will require four hours. I will require more than two days.

MR. SPEAKER.—Why the member is anticipating events ? When the item is not included here, why is he taking an unreasonable attitude ? Now let us make the best use of the time available. If the House feels that more time is required, it will consider.

The question is :

"That this House agrees with the Seventeenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee."

The motion was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER.—The report is adopted.